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CONFIRMATION NO. 6065

For: RANDOM TRANSPOSON INSERTION OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND USE THEREOF TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL GENES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The fee necessary to extend the response period by three months is being submitted herewith. Please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as needed, for any additional fees or overpayment.

Claims 20, 21, and 38-56 are pending in this application. Claims 20, 21, 38-41, and 56 have been withdrawn, and claims 42-55 have been rejected. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

An AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section begins on page 2 of this paper.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 8 of this paper.

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